UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)		
Plaintiff,)		
)		
v.)	CASE NO.	SA-18-CV-764
)		
RINALDO JUAN GONZALEZ,)		
Defendant.)		

COMPLAINT

The plaintiff, United States of America, alleges as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff is the United States of America.
- 2. Defendant Rinaldo Juan Gonzalez is an individual residing within the jurisdiction of this Court.

JURISDICTION

3. This court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1345.

FACTS

4. In 1991, 20 U.S.C. § 1091a¹ abolished the statute of limitations on all student loan debts and revived any student loan claims which had been previously barred by the statute of limitations.

(a) In general

(1) It is the purpose of this subsection to ensure that obligations to repay loans and grant overpayments are enforced without regard to any Federal or State statutory, regulatory, or administrative limitation on the period within which debts may be enforced.

¹ 20 U.S.C. § 1091a states in relevant part:

⁽²⁾ Notwithstanding any other provision of statute, regulation, or administrative limitation, no limitation shall terminate the period within which suit may be filed, a judgment may be enforced, or an offset, garnishment, or other action initiated or taken by...

- 5. The defendant for value received, executed and delivered one promissory note to secure a loan under loan guaranty programs authorized under Title IV-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §1071 et.seq. (34 C.F.R. Part 682). The defendant subsequently defaulted on the note. The transaction is more particularly set out in the Certificate of Indebtedness and accompanying note attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
 - 6. The promissory note was assigned to the United States.
- 7. The United States is the owner and holder of the promissory note. The Defendant has failed to pay said note according to the terms thereof. Pursuant to the note's terms, the United States declared the entire amount of indebtedness evidenced by the note immediately due and payable.
- 8. Accordingly, Defendant owes a debt to the United States in the amount of \$118,282.34 (representing \$56,649.67 in principal and interest of \$61,632.67 through April 18, 2018) as more fully set forth on the Certificate of Indebtedness attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. Defendant also owes additional pre-judgment interest, as it continues to accrue at the rate of \$13.96 per day from April 19, 2018 until judgment is entered herein. Plaintiff is further entitled to interest thereafter at the post judgment rate as provided by law until the judgment is paid in full.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment against defendant:

- 1. In the amount of \$118,282.34 (representing \$56,649.67 in principal and interest of \$61,632.67 through April 18, 2018) as more fully set forth on the Certificate of Indebtedness attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**;
- 2. Pre-judgment interest from the date of the Certificate of Indebtedness until date of judgment at the rate of \$13.96 per day from April 19, 2018 until judgment is entered;

- 3. Interest thereafter at the post judgment rate as provided by law until the judgment is paid in full;
 - 4. For its costs and attorney's fees incurred herein; and
 - 5. For such other relief as the Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BASH UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY FOR UNITED STATES

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS #1 OF 1

RINALDO J GONZALEZ AKA R J GONZALEZ AKA RINALDO JUAN GONZALEZ

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78230 Account No.XXXXX2425

I certify that U.S. Department of Education records show that the BORROWER named above is indebted to the United States in the amount stated below plus additional interest from 04/18/18.

On or about 10/15/93 & 04/05/94, the BORROWER executed a promissory note to secure a Federal Family Education Loan Program Consolidation loan from STUDENT LOAN MARKETING ASSOC, MERRIFIELD, VA. This loan was disbursed for \$51,132.66 on 04/14/94 at 9.0 % interest per annum. The loan obligation was guaranteed by UNITED STUDENT AID FUNDS, INC., and then reinsured by the Department of Education under loan guaranty programs authorized under Title IV-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq. (34 C.F.R. Part 682). The holder demanded payment according to the terms of the note, and credited \$149.16 to the outstanding principal owed on the loan. The BORROWER defaulted on the obligation on 03/16/06, and the holder filed a claim on the loan guarantee.

Due to this default, the guaranty agency paid a claim in the amount of \$56,649.67 to the holder. The guarantor was then reimbursed for that claim payment by the Department under its reinsurance agreement. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 682.410(b)(4), once the guarantor pays on a default claim, the entire amount paid becomes due to the guarantor as principal. The guarantor attempted to collect this debt from the BORROWER. The guarantor was unable to collect the full amount due, and on 08/19/11, assigned its right and title to the loan to the Department.

Since assignment of the loan, the Department has credited a total of \$0.00 in payments from all sources, including Treasury Department offsets, if any, to the balance. After application of these payments, the BORROWER now owes the United States the following:

Principal: \$56,649.67

Interest: \$61,632.67

Total debt as of 04/18/18: \$118,282.34

Interest accrues on the principal shown here at the rate of \$13.96 per day.

Executed on: 5-17-18

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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PROMISSORY NOTE ADDENDUM

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DATE: 03/22/94

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Dear SMART LOAN Applicant(s):

At the time you applied for your Sallie Mae SMART LOAN Account, we promised to contact you if the total balances on the loans that you selected for consolidation, after verification from your lenders, differed by \$1000 or more from what you estimated the balances to be. In your case, the payoff balances reported by your current lenders totalled \$51,132.66.

The payoff figure represents the beginning principal balance of your SMART LOAN Account. Please keep in mind, the payoffs we have acquired on your loans are time sensitive and may need to be updated prior to disbursing payment to your lenders. We will contact you prior to disbursement only if, as a result of payoff updates obtained from your current lenders, the total balance of the loans you selected for consolidation should increase \$250 or more from the beginning principal balance shown on this addendum. We require your signature to complete the processing of your SMART LOAN application.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 1-800-522-1245. Failure to contact us, or to return this letter immediately, will cause processing delays and could result in the termination of your application. We thank you again for your interest in the SMART LOAN program and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Borrower Services Loan Consolidation Center

The beginning principal balance of my/our SMART LOAN ACCOUNT will be \$51.132.66, or, an amount not to exceed this figure by more than \$250. I/WE hereby acknowledge and agree that my/our application for a SMART LOAN ACCOUNT remains unchanged except for this modification to the amount of the loan. I/WE authorize Sallie Mae to proceed with processing my/our SMART LOAN application.

Applicant Signature

4/5/94

Date

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